

A regular meeting of Council was held on Monday, June 3, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Paul Stapleton
Deputy Mayor Scott Goldsworthy
Councillor Tom Toope
Councillor Christian Hayter
Councillor Barbara Warren
Town Clerk/Manager Linda Sweet
Water & Sewer Operator Glen Vokey

Delegates:

George Hayter, Reg Johnson, Ian Morris, Corey Jones, Adam & Sarah Rochacewich, Ed Burry, Mark Allston. Eric Coleridge and Karen Huys arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Stapleton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion 2024-06-34: was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to adopt the agenda that was posted online, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The minutes for May 6, were circulated and Mayor Stapleton asked if there were any errors or omissions. No errors or omissions were noted **Motion 2024-06-35** was made by Councillor Warren, it was seconded by Councillor Toope. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Hayter informed Council that two of the Drager, SCBA's that was sent to St. John's for testing were condemned. He went on to say he is looking to find a couple of refurbished SCBA's.

Water & Sewer

Water and Sewer Operator Glen Vokey informed Council that Xylem will be out next Wednesday or Thursday to install the pump and do a maintenance check on the lift stations.

Delegates:

Mayor Stapleton informed Council that we received a letter from Sarah and Adam Rochacewich regarding the 2023 test to have no parking on Dock Lane from June to September. He went on to explain that all concerned businesses and residents were also contacted and asked to attend the meeting to give their feedback.

Sarah and Adam Rochacewich expressed their concern's that they were not asked for input/feedback regarding the removal of parking spots before the decision was made in 2023 and since this decision directly impacts their customers shopping at 7 Dock Lane as it took away approximately 10 parking spaces, they would like for Council to reconsider their decision.

Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy informed Council that Elizabeth Burry could not attend the meeting but wrote a letter to support continuing restrictions of no parking on Dock Lane as it significantly improved both vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow.

Corey Jones said the parking band didn't directly impact his customers but his staff. He went on to explain that his staff complained that they had to park in the parking lot and getting off work at approximately 10:00 to 11:00 p.m., the parking lot was very dark, and they didn't feel comfortable.

Mark Allston expressed concern that no parking signs were placed just past his property therefore they had vehicles using the parking space that they provide for their business.

Ian Morris noted that it was a bit inconvenient having to park across the street, but it didn't matter one way or the other.

Ed Burry said if it didn't bother businesses and they didn't benefit from the no parking band it had very little effect on him. Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy asked if traffic blocked Clinch's Lane and he said sometime when a tractor trailer is off loading, they sometimes do but not a big inconvenience as it is usually only for five minutes.

A discussion took place and Council agreed they needed to try and come up with a solution to create more parking but in the meantime **Motion 2024-06-36:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy that Council remove the no parking band on Dock Lane for 2024 to observe the traffic flow and revisit in 2025, it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) 6 Fleet Street Re: Request to relocate water and sewer lines. – A discussion took place and Mayor Stapleton asked if Glen could look at the as-built drawings to determine if in fact the Town's water and sewer is going through the property and bring back to the next meeting.
- b) Safety Source Fire Re: NL 2024 Road Show. – The Fire Department has a copy of the invitation.
- c) Sarah & Adam Rochacewich Re: Parking on Dock Lane. - File
- d) Elizabeth Burry Re: Parking on Dock Lane. - File

Outgoing Correspondence

- Letter to 5 Station Road with approval to subdivide.
- Letter to 83A Route 239 with approval to change the commercial sawmill license to a domestic license.

Invoices for Operating Account from May 3rd to 31st, 2024, \$53,769.21. A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-06-37:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the invoices in the operating account except hold 86559 NL Corp in the amount of \$2,064.25 until the bunker jacket is fixed, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

Income for Operating Account from May 6th to 30th, 2024, \$21,649.41

Operating Account	\$184,688.62
Southside Trail	\$352.20
Fire Dept. Funds	\$57,798.82
Trinity Festival	\$5,827.45
Fort to Forge	\$2,047.00

A discussion took place and **Motion 2024-06-38:** was made by Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy to approve the finances as presented, it was seconded by Councillor Warren. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

New Business

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that Canada Day celebrations will take place following the Memorial Day ceremony at the War Memorial that the Trinity Historical Society will be holding. The Ceremony will start at 10:45am which will include the remembrance of those individuals from the Bight who sacrificed their lives during the Great War in service of the country. Following a wreath laying ceremony and solemn reflection, guests will be invited to walk to the Trinity Town Hall for a flag raising ceremony in honour of Canada Day and Celebrate Canada anniversary and a BBQ.

Town Clerk/Manager informed Council that Michael Cooper with the CLB called and was wondering if we would be interested in receiving two Little Free Pantry's later this fall. She went on to say that the motto is "Take What You Need, Give What You Can". A discussion took place and Mayor Stapleton agreed that this was a good idea, and we should contact the Fort Point Lions Club to see if they would be interested in having one.

Eric Coleridge and Karen Huys addressed Council on the issue of water backing up in the basement of the house at Dandy Lane. They went on to say they think it's the drain across the road that's blocked. A discussion took place and Council agreed to have the Town Clerk/Manager contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to arrange for an onsite meeting.

Glen Vokey also noted that when we get the vac truck out to do work on the water and sewer lines, we could get them to flush the culvert to clear it of any debris if the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure hasn't rectified the problem first.

Motion 2024-06-39: was made by Councillor Warren to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., it was seconded by Councillor Hayter. Mayor Stapleton, Deputy Mayor Goldsworthy, Councillors Toope, Hayter and Warren in agreement, no objections, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of Council will be Tuesday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Building.

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager